

Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Michigan Homes for Veterans

Board of Managers Minutes

The 1419th meeting of the Board of Managers of the Michigan Home for Veterans was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at MVAA Office in Lansing by Manager Johnson, Chair.

PRESENT: MANAGERS:

Robert L. Johnson, Chair	(The American Legion)
James Ausdemore	(Independent)
Marita Okerstrom	(Independent)
Paul Mead	(AMVETS)
Ronald Schrieber	(DAV)
Lino B. Pretto	(Independent)
Paul Potter	(VFW)

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Anne Zerbe, Suzanne Thelen, Phil Yeiter, Steve Potter, Steve Rolston, Ryan Engle, Dawn Velianoff, Eugenia Dumlao-Reedy, Catherine Buckley, Catherine Kooyers, Rob Runyan and Mark Sutton.

Also present at the meeting: Leslie Shanlian, CEO, MI Veteran Health System, Scott Blakeney, COO, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, Brad Slagle, COO J.D. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Jeff Barnes, Director, MVAA, Jim Dunn, Deputy Director, MVAA, Joe Froehlich, Asst. Attorney General.

This meeting has been posted pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Act of 1976 – The Open Meeting Act – on the bulletin board in the corridor adjacent to the volunteer office, main building, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. A notice of this meeting was also posted in the hallway adjacent to the Administrator's office of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

Invocation was given by Robert Johnson.

OPENING CEREMONY: Pledge of Allegiance.

Scott Blakeney the new COO for Grand Rapids Home for Veterans introduced himself.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Manager Schrieber, supported by Manager Ausdemore to approve the minutes of the meeting held by the Board of Managers December 16, 2016. All present approved, motion carried.

III. POPULATION, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS – GRAND RAPIDS

Motion was made by Manager Ausdemore, supported by Manager Okerstrom to accept the Population, Financial and Administrator's Reports as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

COO Scott Blakeney reported:

- The Pyxis machines are coming on board and will be fully implemented by June.
- WIFI upgrade and EMR will be fully implemented by June.
- Financial records will be implemented late summer.
- Presently focusing on surveys and survey readiness.
- Director of Nursing and Business Service Manager on leave.
- Business Office policy reviews will be done in May.

Manager Meade asked for a list of key capital outlay projects for each facility to be reviewed at the March 12th Strategic Planning Session.

CEO Leslie Shanlian reported that in the future the board packets will change, evolving now. Next month expect a different format with different data.

IV. POPULATION, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS – MARQUETTE

Motion was made by Manager Okerstrom, supported by Manager Schrieber to accept the Population, Financial and Administrator's Reports as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

COO Brad Slagle reported:

- Short waiting list – approximately 20-15 dependents.
- Working on a costly Worker's Compensation case.
- Approved baseline staffing funding – can take 1st floor from basic nursing to skilled nursing.
- Plugging away with EMR implementation – process is still ongoing.

V. MVAA UPDATE

MVAA Deputy Director, Jim Dunn reported:

- Governor Snyder announced a pilot project for CMS certification – a way to improve quality of care at both homes. To accomplish this, the governor announced a "SVH Modernization Committee" to discuss the future of the Homes. This committee will improve capital and operating process and goes hand in hand with the establishment of the Michigan Veteran Health System. Manager Johnson stated that the Board of Managers is fully involved.
- Discussing increasing the hourly rate of pay J2S workers to better align with West Michigan base pay.

- Pay performance for nursing has been reorganized which should help the operation of nursing and J2S relationship – the number #1 issue the contractor has with S.O.M.

VI. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL UPDATE

Joe Froehlich, Assistant Attorney General reported that there is nothing new to report. He is still working on the ongoing investigation with U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services regarding the Olmstead Compliance Report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Grand Rapids – None

Marquette – None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Grand Rapids –

- Currently evaluating policies – looking at priorities of core areas.
- Jeff Barnes, MVAA Director came to GRHV for an employee engagement session which was very positive.

Manager Potter requested that the Board get a status report and timeline for March for Fire Safety.

Marquette – The location of the Volunteer Banquet to be held in April has been changed from Armory to NMU.

IX. BOARD OF MANAGERS NEW BUSINESS

There will be Strategic Planning Session in Traverse City on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Manager Johnson will set up dates to tour State Veteran's Homes outside the State of Michigan.

Michigan Veteran Health System will make connections and setup the meet and greet with other homes. Allocate funding will be discussed during the Strategic Planning Session.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Catherine Kooyers stated that she is hearing positive things from members of the Home.

Questions: (1) Can split J2S contract with a different provider? (2) How will

Medicate/Medicaid affect members? (3) After the 4th floor is remodeled, will the lower floors be remodeled? (4) Will two new Homes be built?

Catherine Buckley stated the following: (1) Whenever the Home starts tree trimming she would like to help; (2) The guardianship here at the Home is terrible; (3) Rankin living conditions are no good; and she is also excited about change and forward momentum.

Rob Runyan, American Legion is concerned about the size of Rankin rooms.

Eugenia Dumlao-Reedy stated that we need to incorporate members into the decision making process.

COO Scott Blakeney reported that he is planning quarterly meeting with employees and members. Looking at family meetings as well.

XI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Manager Meade thanked everyone for coming and asked COO, Scott Blakeney to report whatever he feels necessary to the Board.

Manager Johnson stated that next month (March) is elections for Board of Managers positions. Stated he would like to keep communication between MVAA and Board of Managers open and timely.

Board went into Closed Session.

XII. CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayer was given by

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Board of Managers Meeting Dates for 2016

1. Wednesday, March 9, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
2. Wednesday, April 20, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. at D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, MI.
3. Wednesday, May 25, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
4. Wednesday, June 15, 2016 to be held in Plymouth, MI. Time to be determined.
5. Thursday, July 14, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. at D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, MI.
6. *No meeting August 2016.*

7. Wednesday, September 21, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
8. Wednesday, October 19, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
9. Wednesday, November 16, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
10. Wednesday, December 14, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. *Xmas Dinner to be held on the 13th.*

**THESE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN POSTED PURSUANT TO ACT 267 OF THE
PUBLIC ACTS OF 1976 – THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Patricia Howard, Assistant Clerk of the Board

Approved by:



Marita Okerstrom, Secretary Board of Managers

3/9/16
Date